



US EQUESTRIAN ENDURANCE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS CRITERIA

This national championship criteria is subject to review each year by the Endurance Sport Committee and approval by the United States Equestrian Federation ("USEF") Board of Directors.

The criteria in this document will apply to the list of USEF Endurance National Championship (the "National Championship") division offerings below. There will be no additional offerings than those listed below:

USEF Endurance National Championship for Seniors - 160km distance

USEF Endurance National Championship for Junior/Young Riders - 160km distance

USEF Endurance National Championship for Seniors - 120km distance

USEF Endurance National Championship for Junior/Young Riders - 120km distance

USEF Endurance National Championship for Seniors - 100km distance

USEF Endurance National Championship for Junior/Young Riders - 100km distance

Divisions will be held as single day competitions.

Criteria required for participation

A. Membership and Horse Recording Requirements:

All requirements must be maintained at all times during the National Championship:

1. Athlete must be a U.S. citizen, Permanent Resident, or Green Card Holder.
2. Athlete must be an Active Competing USEF member in good standing with USEF.
3. Athlete must have an active FEI registration and be in good standing with the FEI.
4. Athlete must be of eligible age as per FEI Endurance rules.
5. Horse must have a current USEF annual or life recording and be in good standing with USEF.
6. Horse owner(s) must be an Active Competing USEF member in good standing with USEF.
7. Horse must have an active FEI registration and be in good standing with the FEI.
8. Horse must be of eligible age as per FEI Endurance rules.

B. Qualifying Specifications:

1. Athlete must have the appropriate FEI Star level qualification per the FEI Endurance Rules.





2. Athlete must complete two or more USEF or FEI competitions at the same level or more advanced of the National Championship division they enter within the two years preceding the day of the First Horse Inspection at the National Championship.
3. Horse must have the appropriate FEI Star level qualification per the FEI Endurance Rules.
4. Horse must complete two or more USEF or FEI competitions at the same level or more advanced of the National Championship division they enter within the two years preceding the day of the First Horse Inspection at the National Championship.

Individual Competition Specifications

The National Championship will be embedded into an existing FEI Endurance competition. The National Championship placings will include those entered into the existing FEI Endurance competition who are eligible for the National Championship as per the above criteria. Those not eligible for the National Championship are able to compete in the existing FEI Endurance competition but will not be eligible for National Championship placings.

Team Competition Specifications

A Team will consist of no more than three combinations who are entered in the National Championship as individuals. To compete a team, at least two combinations must complete the applicable division.

1. Team combinations must be entered into the same National Championship division.
2. Teams must be declared by the Championship Entry Deadline to the USEF Director of Endurance using the Team Declaration Form.
3. Substitutions to a Team are permitted until one hour after the First Horse Inspection. Any substitutions made must be done so in writing to the Director of Endurance and be in alignment with the FEI Endurance Rules.
4. Each Team may self-designate a Chef d'Equipe and Team Veterinarian.





- The Chef d'Equipe and Team Veterinarian must be active USEF Competing Members in good standing with the Federation at all times during the Championship.
 - If designated, Teams must declare their Team d'Equipe and Team Veterinarian by the Championship Entry deadline to the USEF Director of Endurance using the Team Declaration Form.
 - No Chef d'Equipe or Team Veterinarian is permitted to hold any position as an Official at the National Championship.
5. The Team Rankings for awards will be determined by the top two combination's Total Ride Time, with the fastest time winning. Ties between Teams will be broken using the Total Ride Time of the fastest Individual Combination which was second to finish on each Team.

All capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the USEF and FEI Rulebooks. For further information, please contact USEF Director of Endurance, Nicole Zerbee, at nzerbee@usef.org.